

Dedham Master Plan Implementation Element – Summary of Recommended Actions

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	Action	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Ongoing
1	Establish a Master Plan Implementation Committee.	X			X
2	Integrate master plan implementation within the Town's annual goal-setting process.	X			X
3	Conduct a comprehensive review and update of the Dedham Zoning Bylaw.	X			
4	Complete the review and update of the Rules and Regulations of Subdivision Control.	X			
5	Change the consulting Town Planner position to a full-time Planning Director.	X			
6	Complete a comprehensive Historic Resources Inventory.	X			
7	Develop an environmental checklist to assist with development review.	X			
8	Continue to develop and institute a capital improvements plan process.	X			X
9	Review and update the Dedham Town Charter.	X			
10	Update Dedham's Open Space and Recreation Plan.	X			X
11	Develop a plan to provide universal access to recreation facilities, parks, and trails.	X			X
12	Analyze the potential of Dedham's MBTA commuter rail stations for transit-oriented development (TOD).	X			
13	Improve service and alter routes of JBL Bus Line and advocate for changes to MBTA bus service.	X			
14	Adopt the Community Preservation Act.	X			
15	Create an economic development vision and plan.	X			
16	Include the Department of Public Works and Department of Engineering in the development review and permitting procedures conducted by town boards.		X		X
17	Establish a Transportation Advisory Committee.		X		X
18	Strengthen enforcement of no-parking regulations on sidewalks.		X		X

¹ For actions assigned to one of the three implementation phases *and* the "ongoing" category, the phase number designation indicates how the action should be timed relative to other actions, and "ongoing" means that it will require ongoing attention from the town. Most master plan recommendations are not one-time events, e.g., creating staff positions or committees to build local capacity and adopting new bylaws and regulations clearly need a continued commitment from the town. However, some actions require recurring annual efforts by boards and staff – such as the capital improvements plan – and in these cases, the actions have been categorized as "ongoing." Actions listed as "ongoing" without a specific phase designation represent actions that are either (a) already underway or (b) can be initiated at any point during the master plan implementation process.

	Action	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Ongoing
19	Adopt a Transportation Demand Management (TDM) policy.		X		X
20	Create a town-wide traffic calming policy.		X		X
21	Seek Certified Local Government designation.		X		X
22	Adopt a demolition delay bylaw.		X		
23	Create a full-time Facilities Manager position.		X		
24	Conduct site evaluations for priority sites identified in the economic development vision and plan.		X		
25	Designate additional Chapter 43D Priority Development Sites.		X		X
26	Create a permitting guide.		X		
27	Support an association of Dedham neighborhood organizations.		X		X
28	Encourage neighborhood groups to become stewards of local parks.		X		X
29	Adopt a Scenic Roads Bylaw.		X		
30	Become a "Tree City."		X		X
31	Establish a Housing Partnership Committee.		X		
32	Establish a housing rehabilitation program.		X		
33	Work with neighboring towns to hire a regional preservation planner.		X		
34	Institute a training program for Town Meeting Members.		X		X
35	Establish municipal policy and an annual budget appropriation for wildlife management.			X	
36	Encourage the formation of a Trails Stewards Group.			X	X
37	Encourage the establishment of Neighborhood Architectural Conservation Districts.			X	X
38	Encourage business owners in neighborhood commercial areas to organize.			X	X
39	Create design guidelines for neighborhood commercial districts.			X	
40	Institute a rental housing code enforcement program.			X	
41	Encourage rehabilitation of deteriorated, highly visible residential and mixed-use buildings.			X	X
42	Create a Housing Resource Guide.			X	
43	Participate in marketing strategies for key development sites.			X	X
44	Consider using Tax Increment Financing (TIF) agreements to support business development.			X	

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45	Develop asset management policies to dispose of surplus municipal property.			X	
46	Continue to fund capital improvements through responsible assumption of non-exempt debt.				X
47	Continue to coordinate infrastructure improvements with civic beautification efforts.				X
48	Increase collaboration with nearby communities and conservation groups for regional water resource and environmental habitat protection.				X
49	Develop and promote public water conservation efforts.				X
50	Work with Southwest Affordable Housing Partnership (SAHP) to promote its First-time Homebuyer Program.				X
51	Continue to seek grants to support capital improvements on a project-by-project basis.				X
52	Continue to include sidewalk maintenance in the Department of Public Works' pavement management system.				X
53	Continue to identify parcels to form a system of paths and trails.				X
54	Require Historic District Commission review and comment on public development projects.				X
55	Protect significant open space parcels.				X
56	Maintain a comprehensive open space inventory.				X
57	Annually review the number of boards and committees in town government, determine their continued relevance, and disband committees that are no longer needed.				X